

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 1 wherein the redirecting step comprises redirecting only if the request is for one of a predetermined set of web pages.

Claim 10 (Original): The method of claim 9 wherein the predetermined set is predetermined by a list of web pages included in the set.

Claim 11 (Original): The method of claim 9 wherein the predetermined set is predetermined by a list of web pages excluded from the set.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 1 wherein the redirecting step comprises redirecting only if the request is for a web page that does not have state.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 12 wherein the ~~redirecting~~transferring step further comprises:

determining whether the web page is included in a list of web pages that have state;
~~transferring only if the web page is not included in the list.~~

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 1 ~~wherein the monitoring step comprises monitoring the web servers to determine if the predetermined condition exists and wherein the predetermined condition comprises a failure.~~

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): A system for servicing ~~distributing browser~~web page requests for ~~web pages~~, comprising:

a first web server operable to, ~~the web server being a computer program running within a host computer, the web server being capable of redirecting~~redirect, from the first web server to a second web server, of the web server ~~[[at]] a least one browser web page request made of the first web server from the web server to another of the web servers, such that the browser requests the web page from the another one of the web servers, if a~~[[if the]] predetermined condition is determined to exist ~~does exist at one or more of the first web servers~~servers, regardless of the availability of a separate interceptor process for redirecting requests; and

a manager for monitoring the first web servers to determine if ~~[[a]]~~ the predetermined condition exists at ~~one or more of the first web servers~~, and for monitoring the second web server to determine capacity for serving the redirected web page request; and

~~a web server, the web server being a computer program running within a host computer, the web server being capable of redirecting at least one browser request from the web server to another of the web servers, such that the browser requests the web page from the another one of the web servers, if the predetermined condition does exist at one or more of the web servers, regardless of the availability of a separate interceptor process for redirecting requests; and~~

~~an agent within the host, the agent being in communication with the manager, wherein if the web server fails, the agent restarts the web server in order to clear the predetermined condition.~~

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): The system of claim 15 wherein the web server is operable to ~~capable of transfer~~ transferring only ~~[[if the]] request~~ requests ~~[[is]]~~ for ~~one of a predetermined~~ ~~[[set of]]~~ web pages.

Claims 17-19 (Canceled)

Claim 20 (Currently Amended): A method for ~~allocating~~ distributing browser-web page requests among ~~two or more web servers~~, comprising ~~compromising~~:

distributing web page requests for servicing by a first web server;

~~periodically monitoring a load metric of the first web server-load metric of a web server, the web server being a computer program running within a host computer; and~~

redirecting by ~~[[a]]~~ the first web server at least some of the web page browser request requests from the first web server to another web server if the load metric exceeds a threshold until the load metric no longer exceeds the threshold, such that the browser requests the web page from the ~~another one of the web servers, thereby balancing the load metric on each web server, regardless of the availability of a separate interceptor process for redirecting requests; and~~

~~automatically restarting the first web server, the restarting initiated by an agent in the host computer.~~

Claims 21-24 (Canceled)

Claim 25 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 20 wherein distributing is accomplished by an interceptor located on a first host, and the step of redirecting is initiated by an agent running on [[the]]a[[same]] second host, which also hosts the first[[as the]] web server, and wherein the agent is[[and]] in communication with a web server interface, wherein the agent and instructs the web server interface to cause the web server to redirect the request.

Claim 26 (Currently Amended): A method for serving~~distributing~~ browser web page requests among two or more web servers, ~~comprising~~comprising:

distributing browser web page requests to a first web server;

determining whether ~~monitoring, by a central manager, the web servers to determine if a~~ predetermined condition exists at the first~~one or more of the web servers~~servers, each web server being a computer program running within a host computer; and

if the predetermined condition ~~does exist~~exists at one of the web servers, then

redirecting by ~~[[that]]~~the first web server at least one of the browser ~~request~~requests from the first ~~[[that]]~~ web server to another ~~one of the web servers~~such that the browser requests the web page from the another one of the web servers, wherein the redirection ~~[[is]]~~ initiated by an agent running on a same host as the web server, and

distributing fewer browser web page requests to the first web server at least until the predetermined condition is determined to no longer exist at the first web server. ~~the agent in communication with a web server interface and the central manager, wherein the web server interface provides an interface between the web server and the agent, and the web server interface causes that web server to redirect web page requests regardless of the availability of a separate interceptor process for redirecting requests, and automatically restarting the one web server upon detection of the predetermined condition in order to clear the predetermined condition, the restarting initiated by an agent in the host computer.~~

Claim 27 (Currently Amended): A method for servicing~~distributing~~ browser web page requests among two or more web servers, comprising:

monitoring ~~[[the]]~~ a respective web page request queue ~~length of the~~ associated with each of a plurality of web servers to determine if a predetermined condition exists at ~~anyone or more of~~ the web servers, ~~each web server being a computer program running within a host computer; [[and]]~~ if the predetermined condition ~~[[does]]~~ ~~[[exist]]~~ exists at any ~~[[one]]~~ of the web servers, then redirecting by that web server at least one ~~browser~~ web page request from that web server to either an interceptor operable to allocate web page requests among the plurality of web servers or another ~~[[one]]~~ of the web servers~~[[;]], and~~ monitoring web page requests received at that redirecting web server, and if no web page request has been received after a time then restarting that redirecting web server. ~~such that the browser requests the web page from the another one of the web servers, regardless of the availability of a separate interceptor process for redirecting requests; and automatically restarting the one web server upon detection of the predetermined condition in order to clear the predetermined condition, the restarting initiated by an agent in the host computer.~~

Claim 28 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 27 wherein the predetermined condition comprises one or more of a web page request queue length being greater than a length threshold and a web page queue delay being greater than a delay threshold ~~predetermined value.~~

Claim 29 (Currently Amended): A method for responding to ~~distributing~~ browser web page requests ~~among two or more web servers, comprising~~ comprising:

distributing web page requests among a plurality of web servers;
monitoring a respective ~~[[the]]~~ web page request queue ~~delay~~ associated with each of the web servers to determine if a predetermined condition exists at ~~anyone or more of~~ the web servers, ~~each web server being a computer program running within a host computer; and~~ if the predetermined condition ~~[[does]]~~ ~~[[exist]]~~ exists at any ~~[[one]]~~ of the web servers, then redirecting by ~~[[that]]~~ those web servers at least one ~~browser~~ web page request from ~~[[that]]~~ each of those web servers ~~to [[an]] other one of the web servers such that the browser requests the web page from the another one of the web servers, regardless of the availability of a separate interceptor process for redirecting requests, and~~

reducing distribution of web page requests to those redirecting web servers until the monitoring indicates absence of the predetermined condition at those redirecting web servers; and

~~automatically restarting the one web server upon detection of the predetermined condition in order to clear the predetermined condition, the restarting initiated by an agent in the same host computer at the one web server.~~

Claim 30 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 29 wherein the predetermined condition comprises at least one of a web page queue length being greater than a length threshold~~predetermined value~~ and a web page queue delay being greater than a delay threshold.

Claim 31 (Currently Amended): A system for responding to~~distributing~~ browser requests for web pages, comprising:

a plurality of web servers, each web server operable to redirect a received web page request to another of the plurality of web servers;

a distributor of web page requests operable to distribute web page requests among the plurality of web servers; and

a central manager for monitoring the web servers to determine if a predetermined condition exists at one or more of the web servers, and to command each web server at which the predetermined condition exists to redirect received web page request~~each web server being a computer program running within a host computer;~~

~~a web server capable of redirecting at least one browser request from the web server to another of the web servers, such that the browser requests the web page from the another one of the web servers, if the predetermined condition does exist at one or more of the web servers, regardless of the availability of a separate interceptor process for redirecting requests; and~~

~~an agent within the same host as the web server, the agent being in communication with the central manager, wherein if the web server fails, the agent restarts the web server in order to clear the predetermined condition.~~

Claim 32 (Currently Amended): The system of claim 31 wherein the predetermined condition comprises one or more of a web page queue length being greater than a length threshold~~predetermined value~~ and a web page queue delay being greater than a delay threshold.

Claim 33 (Cancelled)